



Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

AM3 Jacob Heise



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Heise performs a continuity check on a horizontal stabilizer with the internal integrity test switch assembly (ITSA).



AM3 Jacob Heise of the Vinson Hydraulic Shop performs the final steps of signing off a maintenance action form.



Heise removes a stripped union out of an EA-6B actuator. Part of the job Heise performs includes supporting the airwing as well as the "Gold Eagle."

Today's Sailor of the Day is AM3 Jacob Heise of the "Gold Eagle" Hydraulics Shop.

Heise is a collateral duty inspector (CDI) for his shop. CDIs are responsible for supervising as well as quality checking all maintenance done on hydraulic aircraft components. In addition, CDIs troubleshoot the systems when needed.

For Heise, his job is just as important to mission readiness as having pilots to fly the aircraft.

"The work we do is important because we maintain flight-critical components," he said. "We're here to support the airwing and keep them in a mission ready state at all times. If hydraulic components go down, the planes stay down and none of the bombs are dropped."

Learning hydraulic systems was an important factor for Heise when choosing a rate. He intends to pick a related career after his enlistment.

For Heise, the most rewarding part of the job is sharing his professional knowledge.

"I enjoy teaching others what they need to know to do their jobs," he said. "That is the way it has to be. If no one teaches our junior Sailors how things run, the shop is never going to work properly."

When doing his job, Heise thinks that knowledge is the most important tool to bring to work with you and offered some advice.

"Always keep your ears open. Soak it all in and be a sponge when it comes to learning."

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